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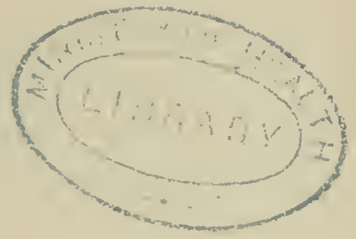

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

I herewith submit my Report on the health and on the conditions which affected the health of your district during the year 1939.

There has been no alteration in the area of your district.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

The Area in acreage is 74,865.

The estimated resident population to the middle of 1939 is 5,385.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1939 was 1,610, being an increase of 28 over the preceeding year.

The sum represented by a penny rate is £64 : 2 : 0, and the rateable value is £15,774.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	
Live Births	Legitimate	61	26	35	Births Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 12.64
	Illegitimate	6	5	3	

	Total	M	F	
Still Births	7	4	3	Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births ... 94.59
Deaths	90	46	44	Death Rate per 1,000 of the resident population . 16.71

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

From Registrar General's Short List,	No. 29.	Puerperal Sepsis	... none
do do	No. 30.	Other Puerperal Causes	... none

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	14.92
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Live Births	16.39
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Live Births	none

	M	F	Total
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	5	9	14
,, Whooping Cough (all ages)	none		
,, Measles (all ages)	none		
,, Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) ...	none		

There has been a large increase in the number of deaths during the year, 90 deaths have been registered from all causes, this increase has not been due to any of the notifiable illnesses, as only one death has occurred from any notifiable cause, that being a case of diphtheria at Rosedale, the illness did not spead to any other house in the district, although I was unable to isolate the case.

Cancer again shows an increase. 15 deaths having been registered from this cause. The general increase seems to be due to the number that have died over the age of 70 years.

The district suffered from an extensive epidemic of German Measles in the latter part of the year which greatly affected the attendauce at the Schools.

Social Conditions.

No new industries have been established within the district during the past year.

Agriculture and Market Gardening are the chief occupations of the inhabitants.

The Northern part of the district is greatly under the control of the Forestry Commissioners, who have established many large nurseries and plantations on land that was once moorland waste. This industry greatly helps to keep down unemployment.

There is no evidence whatever that any condition prejudical to the health of either children or adults has been caused by unemployment.

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

The Public Health Officers of your Authority are as follows :—A part-time Medical Officer of Health ; a Sanitary Inspector who is employed also by the Pickeriug Urban Council and possesses the certificates A.R.S.I. and M.I.H. There are six nurses who all hold Maternity and Nursing Certificates employed within your district in Maternity Nursing and Child Welfare Work.

Laboratory Facilities.

There is no change in Laboratory Facilities during 1939.

Ambulance Facilities.

No change in Ambulance Facilities in regard to the requirements of the civil population for general purposes, but additional facilities have been arranged in conjunction with the Urban District for any casualties that may arise from the war.

Nursing in the Homes.

Clinic and Treatment Centres } All these remain the same as in the previous year.

Hospitals.

SECTION C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

The Water Supply to the villages of Sinnington, Marton and Normanby from a well situated at Amotherby in the Malton Rural District was completed during the year· There is a great doubt whether the pipes are likely to prove of a large enough capacity to supply the village of Sinnington with an adequate quantity of water to meet the requirements of the village, this condition is now receiving the attention of your Council.

A better supply of water to the village of Newton which was receiving the attention of your Council is held up on account of the borrowing powers of local authorities being held up for the present, this village is greatly in need of an efficient supply.

The water supply to the remaining villages in your area have all been satisfactory as regards both quality and quantity of the water.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Rivers and Streams.

Closet Accommodation.

Public Cleansing.

With the exception of a fortnightly collection of refuse in the village of Thornton-le-Dale which has proved a great benefit to the appearance and cleanly condition of the streets, there is nothing to note.

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the area,

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	143
,, ,, ,, Housing Acts	57
,, ,, to Slaughter Houses	86
,, ,, ,, Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk Shops	108
,, ,, under Conversions to Water Carriage System	13
,, ,, to Works in progress	215
,, ,, ,, Shops	41
Drainage System Renewed or Improved	21
Drains Inspected and Tested	32
,, ,, ,, Found Satisfactory	28
,, ,, ,, ,, Defective	4

Shops and Offices.

Improved sanitary accommodation has been provided for three shops. No action has been necessary with regard to temperature and ventilation.

Camping Sites.

No licences have been issued under this heading, the only camps being occasional weekly and nightly campers.

Smoke Abatement.

No action has been found necessary in the District under the Smoke Abatement Act.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

The only Swimming Bath or Pool is at Allerston Instructional Centre and this is fed from the stream.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

There have been no cases of Bug Infestation, and occasional Flea infested houses have been dealt with by spraying with Insecticide and fumigating with Sulphur.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Thornton-le-Dale has a regular fortnightly collection of refuse, and a more systematic collection of refuse would be an advantage in other villages. Scrap, etc., is salved at the various tips.

Meat and other Foods.

The following is a list of condemnations :—

3 whole carcases Beef	..	Tuberculosis.
1 ,, ,, ,,	...	Fevered and High Blood content,
5 Sheep	.	Emaciation and Oedematous.
1 ,,	..	Injured and badly bruised.
3 Pigs	...	Tuberculosis.

A large number of visits have been made and a good deal of work has been carried out in conjunction with the military and civil defence authorities, and this has to a certain extent affected the routine duties of the Council.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.,
Sanitary Inspector.

Schools.

Now that the Villages of Sinnington, Marton, Normanby, and Kirby Misperton have piped water supplies, the Schools in these Villages should be connected in order that facilities for washing may be provided for the Scholars.

SECTION D. Housing.

Owing to the outbreak of War the Council Houses that were being arranged for in the Villages of Thornton-le-Dale and Middleton were not proceeded with. Houses in other Villages that were marked for re-conditioning had to be allowed to continue inhabited.

SECTION E. Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Inspection of the Farms and Dairies which hold a licence to sell Milk have been systematically inspected, and samples of Milk have been taken from time to time for the purposes of analysis, no prosecutions have been found necessary.

Meat and other Foods.

Slaughter Houses and Butcher's Shops have been kept under supervision and have been found to be carried on in a satisfactory manner.

SECTION F. Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

A Joint Hospital for the isolation of infections disease has been established at Norton Grove, near Malton, for the purpose of the reception of cases of infectious illness occurring in the persons of Evacueé Children situated in the following Districts :—Malton Rural and Urban Districts, Pickering Rural and Urban Districts, together with the Rural Districts of Kirbymoorside, Easingwold and Flaxton. Should any beds be vacant, the permanent residents from these districts may be admitted.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1939.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	none		none
Scarlet Fever	7	2	none
Diphtheria	2	none	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) ...	none		none
Puerperal Fever	none		none
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	none	none
Pneumonia	1	none	1
Erysepelas	none		none

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...			...			
1	...	...			...			
5	...	...	3	4	...			
15	...	...			...			
25	...	...			...			
35	...	...			...			
45	...	...			1			
55	..	...			...			
65 and upwards	..	...			...			
Totals ...			3	4	1			

During the Spring and Summer a number of Glandular cases occurred in Children attending the Thornton School. Dr. Walker, from the County Health Department, came over and we went into the question of the Milk Supply to the School. The Veterinary Department examined the Cows and found them free from Tuberculosis, and no Tubercle Bacilli was found in several samples of Milk taken.

Owing to war conditions the Registrar General has been unable to supply the Statistics required earlier, which fact accounts for the late date at which you receive this Report.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obedienty,

R. A. SCOTT,
Medical Officer of Health,
Pickering Urban District.

October 11th, 1940.